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Office Action Summary

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Kenn Thompson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-13 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities:

The recitation "single track support surfaces" should be changed to "single roller track surface". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1, 3-13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greiner, U.S. 2,284,199.

Regarding claim 1, 13 and 17 Greiner discloses in figures 1 and 2 all the claimed limitations including the axially spaced rollers (19,18) and a single roller track surface (22 and 23) on the outer shaft (11) associated with each of the rollers and engaging and rollably supporting (p. 1, right col. line 53 – p. 2 left col. line 3) each associated roller on only one side (the distal end).

As to claim 3, Greiner discloses the outer shaft (11) includes four of the roller track surfaces (17,16) two of which are associated with a first of the sets of the roller pairs, and the remaining two of which are associated with at least a second of the sets of the roller pairs ("associated with" does not require a connection).

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As to claim 4, Greiner discloses the sets of roller pairs are arranged 90 offset from one another.

As to claim 5, Greiner discloses the single roller track surfaces (22) associated with the first set of roller pairs (18) are arranged to transmit torque between the inner and outer shafts in one direction through contact with a first side of the rollers of the first set, and the single set of roller track surfaces (23) associated with the second set of the roller pairs (19) are arranged to transmit torque between the shafts in the opposite direction through contact with an opposite second side of the rollers of the second set.

As to claim 6, as best understood by the Examiner, Greiner discloses the rollers (19,18) are unsupported by the outer shaft (11) apart from the contact with the single track support surfaces (16,22,23,17).

Regarding claims 7, 11 and 12, Greiner discloses all the claimed limitations including a plurality of generally V-shaped deformations (inward projections between grooves 16 and 17), an inner connecting bridge (radial inward edges of inward projections between grooves 16 and 17) and a plurality of rollers (19,18) contacting a roller track (16,17).

As to claim 8, Greiner discloses two pair of roller tracks.

As to claim 9, Greiner discloses the roller track pairs are diametrically opposed to one another.

As to claim 10, Greiner discloses four rollers.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 14 and is likewise objected to.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest all the claimed subject matter including four sets of roller pairs.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will

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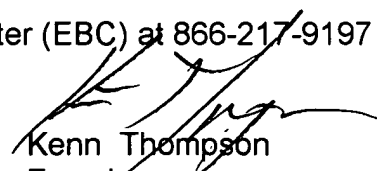
be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenn Thompson whose telephone number is 703 306-5760. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J Bagnell can be reached on 703 308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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21 January 2005


Kenn Thompson
Examiner
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